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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE MAVROS

UPON ARRIVAL IN GENEVA

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN GENEVA EVENING JULY 25, GREEK
FM MAVROS MADE AN INITIAL STATEMENT AND THEN RESPONDED TO
QUERIES FROM THE PRESS. HIS INITIAL STATEMENT FOLLOWS:
QTE ON THE OCCASION OF MY ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND, UNDER
PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
MY THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SWITZERLAND.
THE GREEK DELEGATION WILL ATTEND THE PRESENT MEETING INSPIRED BY
THE PROFOUND DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESTORATION OF
PEACE, NORMALCY AND CALMNESS OF SPIRIT IN CYPRUS AND
THE ENTIRE REGION.

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WE HOPE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE ARE INSPIRED BY THE SAME FEELINGS AND THE SAME ATTITUDE TOWARD THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHOSE SUPREME EXPRESSION IS THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WE COME TO THE MEETING WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WILL REACH CONCRETE RESULTS AND IN THE BEST POSSIBLE SPIRIT.
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2. A DIALOGUE WITH THE PRESS THEN ENSUED. IN ANSWERING A JOURNALIST'S QUESTION, MR. MAVROS SAID THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS WOULD NOT ATTEND THE MEETING. HE ADDED:
"IT IS A TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE THAT WILL DEAL WITH THE WELL-KNOWN RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE MEETING IS CONFINED TO THE THREE POWERS WHICH HAVE GUARANTEED THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS."

ANSWERING ANOTHER QUESTION MR. MAVROS SAID:
"THE FIRST OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO SECURE APPLICATION OF THE RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE." MR MAVROS THEN ASSERTED:
"ACCORDING TO ALL EXISTING INFORMATION, THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION REACHED FIVE DAYS AGO IS BEING VIOLATED (BY THE TURKS) EVERY DAY, EVERY MINUTE. IT IS BEING VIOLATED UNTIL THIS VERY MINUTE. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT WE CAN PROCEED WITHOUT GUARANTEES THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE TRUCE WILL BE RESPECTED."

QUESTIONED WHETHER THE GREEK GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO TURKEY A SPECIFIC STAND REGARDING THE CYPRUS QUESTION, MR. MAVROS ANSWERED: "THE CONFERENCE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO DETAILS OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION. OUR TASK HERE IS CONFINED TO THE SIX POINTS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE ARE NOT TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS QUESTION TODAY, BUT ONLY THE MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION, I.E. CEASEFIRE, RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER, DEPARTURE OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS. THESE ARE THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE ON THE ISLAND."

QUESTIONED WHETHER KING CONSTANTINE SHALL BE INVITED TO
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RETURN TO GREECE, MR. MAVROS ANSWERED: "THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON NOW. IT IS NOT AMONG THE PROBLEMS WHICH PREOCCUPY ME AT THE MOMENT."

ANSWERING ANOTHER QUESTION HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO PROBLEM OF COESIXTENCE BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS, THAT THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING TOGETHER FOR CENTURIES.

QUESTIONED AS TO HOW HE VIEWS THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS AND HIS OPINION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FEDERAL SOLUTION, MR. MAVROS STATED: "THAT IS NO SOLUTION. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT EXCLUDES IT. OUR POLICY IN CYPRUS IS TO SECURE THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE ISLAND WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

ANSWERING ANOTHER QUESTION, HE SAID THAT THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS THE DEPARTURE FROM CYPRUS OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE THAT ARE STATIONED THERE ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONAL TREATIES. THE DECISION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SPECIFIES WHICH ARE THE FOREIGN FORCES.

TO THE QUESTION "DO YOU WISH PULLING OUT THE TURKISH FORCES THAT INVADDED THE ISLAND RECENTLY?", MR. MAVROS ANSWERED: "WE WISH THE PULLING OUT OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES, WITH THE EXCEPTION FOR THE TIME BEING OF THOSE WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR BY THE LONDON AND ZURICH AGREEMENTS."

FINALLY, MR. MAVROS SAID THAT NATO AS A DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE OF THE WEST IS INDISPENSABLE AND "WE MUST SUPPORT IT UNTIL THE SITUATION IMPROVES TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT IT (THE OVERALL ALLIANCE) WILL NO LONGER BE NEEDED."
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